

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE  
EXAMINING GROUP 1615**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE PCT NATIONAL STAGE APPLICATION OF  
HOMMA, ET AL.

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FOR: METHOD FOR INHIBITING DIFFERENTIATION AND FORMATION  
OF CONIFEROPHYTA MALE FLOWER BY TREATMENT WITH  
PROHEXADIONE COMPOUNDS

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**RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT UNDER RULE 116**

Sir:

The present Amendment responds to the final Office Action dated June 5, 2007. Applicants respectfully request that the following amendments be entered and the claims considered in light of the arguments set forth herein. A petition for a one-month extension for response accompanies this amendment in a separate paper filed herewith.

**Amendments to the Specification** – none.

**Amendments to the Claims** – begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** – N/A

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 3 of this paper.